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RETAIL DEALERS ELECT.

W. W. Mills and D. P. Paxton in Commercial Club Directorate.

A meeting of the retail dealers of Topeka was held last night and W. W. Mills and D. P. Paxton were selected to represent the retailers in the reorganization of the Commercial club, which is in progress at this time. Secretary Poole has a plan for reorganization which contemplates the selection of representatives from every business in Topeka in proportion to the size of the business to be represented.

On account of the large number of retailers in Topeka this class were allowed two representatives while most others have but one. Mr. Mills and Mr. Paxton are the representatives of 227 retail establishments which are doing business in Topeka at this time. The bankers met several weeks ago and selected their representative and the real estate and insurance men will meet this evening and choose a representative.

Army Craft's Long Trip.

Other navies may be bigger and other armies greater, but when it comes to breaking transoceanic records the United States army and navy are in classes by themselves. The latest long ocean expedition is about to start from Governors Island. Four submarine mine planters, each in charge of a West Pointer, will make the trip halfway around the world to reach the Pacific coast.

At the present time the war department owns four modern mine-planting steam vessels, and they are all at this port. The order from Washington is that all of these vessels shall proceed to the Pacific, two to Manila by the Suez canal, and the other two to San Francisco by the Strait of Magellan. Some time today the vessels will assemble near the quartermaster's pier on Governors Island, where they will take on their crews and supplies for the long journey they are about to begin.

The four vessels in the squadron are the Armistead, flagship of Capt. Ferguson, the squadron commander; the Ringgold, Lieut. C. E. Corbin; the Hunt, Lieut. Maxwell Murray; and the Knox, Lieut. William E. Sheild. The Armistead and Ringgold will go to San Francisco and take the Magellan route, while the Hunt and Knox will go to Manila. The San Francisco vessels will follow the same course as that of the Atlantic battleship fleet, and are due in San Francisco some time in March. The Manila vessels are expected to reach their destination about the same time.

Each of these vessels is equipped with the most improved type of mine-plant-

ing devices, but these will be removed and shipped by rail to San Francisco, where the appliances of the Knox and Hunt will be transhipped on an army transport for Manila. The mine planters are twin-screw vessels, and are expected to average about 10 knots an hour on the voyage. In addition to the navigating crew, each vessel will take about fifteen expert submarine mine men of the coast artillery corps. When these vessels sail for the Pacific it will mean that the United States government has dispatched on round-the-world voyages nearly every known type of war craft within the last three years. First it was the great dry dock Dewey that was towed from Sparrows Point, Md., to Manila, a feat the like of which was never attempted before. Just before the sailing of the Dewey, the gunboat Tacoma arrived in New York after a voyage around the Horn. A few months later it was announced that the sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet would make their voyage. Since that time the cruisers Washington and Tennessee have made the voyage.—New York Times.

ROOSEVELT IN DANGER.

The President's Carriage Narrowly Escapes a Collision.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt has had a close call while driving. The prompt action of Lieutenant J. B. Lyons of the fire department, who was driving a heavy fire hose cart, alone prevented a bad accident.

The fire horses were traveling at high speed when the driver, realizing that he was about to dash into the president's carriage, jerked the animals back and threw them on their haunches. Their hoofs, it is said, almost struck the vehicle in front of them as they fell.

The hose wagon was slightly damaged. The firemen were responding to an alarm from the home of Representative Frank O. Lowden of Illinois.

GIVEN HEAVY FINES.

Wabunsee Farmers Who Sold Bad Meat Must Pay \$150 and Costs.

J. Shilling and two sons, Frank and Sam, of near Alma, who were arrested this week on complaint of State Food Inspector John Kleinhaus, charged with selling meat from a steer that had died from disease, pleaded guilty today in the justice of peace court at Alma and were fined \$150 and costs. They escaped a jail sentence by their plea of guilty.

FACTS ABOUT BUSINESS.

How the Present "Age" Law Operates at Present.

As the old soldiers of the country are passing out of existence they are receiving more and more recognition from the United States government and today they are receiving in some cases 100 per cent more pension than twenty years ago, and almost 50 per cent more than ten years ago.

In 1890 and before that time only those soldiers who had contracted disabilities or received wounds while in the army service were eligible for membership on the pension rolls. The government was very strict concerning the seriousness of these injuries and wounds and every soldier had to go through the hands of a surgeon before he could pass the examination as a pensioner. But this was twenty years ago and some of the old soldiers were still in their prime, many of them being in the midst of their business activities. However when the old soldiers began to pass on they passed with alarming speed. For a good many years they set the country to thinking and plans were made at once for their comfort and their happiness during the remaining days of their existence in the country for which they had fought.

On January 27, 1890, a new bill was presented to congress and passed without the least objection. It provided that the old disability and injury rule should be abolished and for the first time the "age" law was put into effect. This was the foundation of the present pension law and the continuation of the old soldiers of the country. The January law gave \$6 a month to those who were one-half disabled for manual labor; \$8 to those who were two-thirds disabled for manual labor; \$10 for a five-sixths disability and \$12 for a totally disabled veteran warrior. However this law did not remain satisfactory very long. It still required the physical examination and the government was anxious to do away with this and make the age law more complete so after about five years of this disability test they instituted the first real age law. It was \$6 for a man 62 years of age; \$8 at 65; \$10 at 68, and \$12 at 70 and over. This law did not require the surgeons examination and depended wholly upon the age of the veteran. But the government still felt that the old soldiers were not receiving the rewards that were due them from their country and last year they passed the new law that is now in effect and is the cause of such a radical increase in the payments of the pension bureau. This law has but three age limits. An old soldier between the ages of 62 and 70 gets a monthly payment of \$12. Between the age of 70 and 75 he receives \$15 and at 75 and over he gets \$20 a month. This big increase can be seen at once and was the main cause for the big November payment in the Topeka pension office.

The November payment was the biggest in the history of the pension department of the United States. Never before has the United States government given out such a vast amount of money for pension purposes. This payment was exactly \$4,504,715.50. The table submitted by Chief Clerk James P. Howe in the Wednesday evening State Journal, the mistake of omitting the gain on pay rolls during five years which amounted to 20,493, was made by the reporter. Also the item labeled "gain in five years" should have been "net loss in five years." In the last five years of the pension business at Topeka there have been over 700,000 vouchers paid each year. And there were 25,543 losses on the pension rolls during the year which included deaths, remarriage, minors becoming 16 years of age, etc.

According to the big gain in the pension payments and the loss during the year of pensioners there must have been a large number of birthdays during the last year. For instance when a man becomes 70 years of age his pension jumps from \$12 to \$15. At the age of 75 it leaps from \$15 to \$20. It can be seen that a few birthdays in this important month will have a big effect on the pension rolls. This proves that in some cases a year added on to a man's age is a benefit to him.

PINE BLUFF IS SAFE.

Dynamiting May Leave It a Mile From the River.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 4.—The Arkansas river at this point is today still rising slowly and now makes a stir of 25 feet. From present indications the business section of the city will be saved. A number of small dwellings east of the main portion of the city have already caved into the river today and others are also in serious danger of a like fate. Numerous dynamite explosions were heard in the direction of Boyds Point, opposite this city, during the night and today the water is flowing over that point of land about the place where the citizens had decided to make the cutoff. This may change the channel of the river so as to leave Pine Bluff a mile away. The loss since midnight in this district exceeds \$50,000.

LOCAL MENTION.

The basket ball team of the Central Y. M. C. A. employed boys' class defeated the R. R. Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening on the R. R. Y. M. C. A. floor, the score being 25 to 17. Lineup: R. R. Y. M. C. A. Filler, R. F. Stanwood, Chase, L. F., Bert Gillett, C. Fred Ober, L. G., C. Haggard, R. G., Central—Dewell, Howe, R. F., Roy Barrie, L. F., Sherwood Wilkouts, C., Chas. Graves, L. G., Ray Gaundry, R. G.

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An incident of birth which will not be recorded with the city physician, has occurred at the county jail, where "Luck," John Wilkerson's favorite bloodhound, is the proud possessor of nine puppies. There were an even dozen in the litter, but three died.

Smokers who appreciate a saving on their cigar bills will profit by buying Eagle's Rose Tint cigars by the box. In this way you can secure them in a fresh condition, at a considerable saving.

Those desiring tickets for the Carlton wood violin concert to be given at the Grand theater Dec. 8th, may secure them at Roehr's. Mr. Alf Kilgenberg and Mr. Franklin Hunt will assist.

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Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—With the greatest number of mine owners, mine experts, government and state officials present in the history of the organization, the American Mining congress began the third day's session of its eleventh annual convention with a programme that included many discussions and addresses by famous men.

In another part of the city Secretary of the Interior Garfield and the largest party of state and district mine inspectors ever assembled at one time were holding a meeting, discussing mine explosions and their cause.

Following a short business session this morning a number of well known men discussed the duties of the federal and state governments in relation to the mining industry.

Governor Dawson of West Virginia, in a resolution advocated more care in

firing shots in the mine and the employment of experienced miners.

Congressman W. F. Englebright of Nevada City, Cal., made an address on "regulating the mining industry." United States Senator Charles Dick of Ohio, spoke on the relation of the federal government to mining saying that the death roll from mine accidents for the past 17 years was 22,840, of which half have been killed during the past six years.

A discussion of the problems of the coal industry occupied the afternoon session of the American Mining congress.

Dr. I. C. White, state geologist of West Virginia, made an address.

SHOULD NOT TEACH.

Superintendent Fairchild States Position on Tuberculosis in Teachers.

E. T. Fairchild, state superintendent of instruction, while present at the tuberculosis conference, was called away on business just before the session closed so was not present when called upon to speak following the

discussion as to whether school teachers suffering from tuberculosis infection should be allowed to teach in the public schools of the state.

A State Journal reporter asked Supt. Fairchild today his views on this matter and he replied by stating that he had some time ago sent out notices to all the county superintendents of the state advising them not to have teachers in the public schools who were known to be affected with tuberculosis.

WYANDOTTE BEHIND.

Owes State Over Thirty-Three Thousand in Back Taxes.

Wyandotte county, as usual, is behind in her tax payment to the state, but this time it is in a much larger sum than usual, being \$33,585. According to the state auditor's books this amount is due the state from the 1907 tax and back taxes. Yet the auditor has been notified by the Wyandotte treasurer that there is no money

on hand with which to meet this tax deficit. On October 16, when the Wyandotte treasurer made his settlement with the state auditor for the 1907 tax roll he was \$33,585 short. The money is due this month but the auditor can not draw the sum for there is no balance in this fund in the Wyandotte treasury.

The custom of the state auditor is to draw on the various county treasurers of the state each month the balance on hand of the state's share of their tax money.

Wyandotte was short several thousand dollars in her state tax at this time last year, but not anything like the sum of the deficit at this time.

The state auditor does not know yet what he will do about this unpaid tax, but will probably first try to find out the reason for the shortage. However, it is too large a sum to be covered by any delinquent tax payments of personal taxpayers in Wyandotte county.

"I don't know whether to take up an airship or a submarine," said the amateur inventor. "Try the airship." "All you have to do is to get it up; it is bound to come down. Now, the submarine you have to get down and then get it up again."—Kansas City Journal.

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